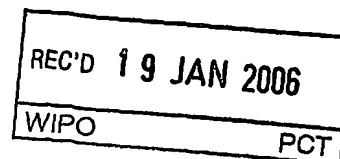


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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-24 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-13 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- Nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- Nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- Nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets/figs 1-16 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets/figs* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets/figs* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2, 4, 6, 8, 10-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>2, 4, 6, 8, 10-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>2, 4, 6, 8, 10-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations(Rule 70.7)

D1: JP 7-218668 A (TOSHIBA KABUSHIKI KAISHA) 1995.08.18, paragraph [0030], FIG.4 (Family: none)

The subject matter of claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-13 is neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

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2. An information apparatus comprising a control unit which, when a notice "scheduled" date comes in a power-OFF status and then the apparatus is powered ON, notifies an unnotified "schedule" which has not passed a predetermine time back to the past before a current date as a reminder while does not notify an unnotified "schedule" which has passed beyond the predetermined time back to the past before the current date as a reminder.

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3. (Cancelled)

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4. A method of controlling an information apparatus comprising the steps of:

notifying, when a notice "scheduled" date comes in a power-OFF status and then the power supply is
10 powered ON, an unnotified "schedule" which has not passed a predetermined time back to the past before the notice "scheduled" date as a reminder; and

not notifying, when the notice "scheduled" date comes in the power-OFF status and then the power
15 supply is powered ON, an unnotified "schedule" which has passed beyond the predetermined time back to the past before the notice "scheduled" date as a reminder.

5. (Cancelled)

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5 6. A program which causes a computer to
execute:

a notification procedure of, when a notice
"scheduled" date comes in a power-OFF status and then
the power supply is powered ON, notifying an
unnotified "schedule" which has not passed a
10 predetermined time back to the past before the notice
"scheduled" date as a reminder; and

an unnotification procedure of, when the notice
"scheduled" date comes in the power-OFF status and
then the power supply is powered ON, not notifying an
15 unnotified "schedule" which has passed beyond the
predetermined time back to the past before the notice
"scheduled" date as a reminder.

7. (Cancelled)

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8. An information apparatus which is directed
5 for notifying an unnotified schedule whose notice
"scheduled" date registered in the apparatus comes in
a power-OFF status, wherein an unnotified schedule
which is included in a predetermined number of
schedules back to the past before a current date set
10 in the information apparatus is notified as a
reminder when the apparatus is powered ON, and
an unnotified schedule which is not included in
the predetermined number of schedules back to the
past before the current date set in the information
15 apparatus is not notified as a reminder.

9. (Cancelled)

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10. A method of notifying a schedule which remains unnotified due to stop of a communication function even when a notice "scheduled" date comes in
5 the function of notifying a schedule booked in an information apparatus,

wherein when the notification function is started thereafter,

an unnotified schedule which is included in a
10 predetermined number of schedules back to the past before a current date set in the information apparatus is notified as a reminder, and

an unnotified schedule which is not included in the predetermined number of schedules back to the
15 past before the current date set in the information apparatus is not notified as a reminder.

11. A notice method according to claim 10, wherein a stop status of a notification function is a status where an information apparatus is powered OFF,
20 and the notification function is started when the information apparatus is powered ON.

12. A program which causes a computer to execute notification of a booked schedule and is directed for notifying a schedule which remains
25 unnotified due to stop of a notification function even when a notice "scheduled" date comes, wherein when the notification function is started thereafter,